



*.A warm welcome to all who are new to Sir Thomas Rich's. We start our new academic year in good heart, after a highly successful 2008/09 in which our students achieved excellent examination results. This was the culmination of a year packed with events, both curricular and beyond lessons – but most importantly a year of hard work on the part of students and staff. We look forward to another exciting and stimulating year, I wish all enjoyment and success*

#### A WARM WELCOME

We welcome the following new teachers to our staff:

**Mrs. Brookes** (Head of English)  
**Mrs. Glover** (Head of R.S.)  
**Mrs. Woodgate** (Biology)  
**Mr. Crawford** (P.E., cover)  
**Mr. Marks** (P.E., cover)

We wish all an enjoyable start to their Rich's career.



#### NEW PUPILS

We have one hundred and twelve boys in Y7 who join us from 65 different primary schools. The new Year 12 has one hundred and twenty students of whom 39 join us from other secondary schools. 33 of Year 12 are girls, making a total of 59 girls in our Sixth Form. Total student numbers are 801 (compared with 795 in September 2008).

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## EXAMINATION RESULTS

We were delighted that our students achieved excellent examination results this summer. The details are as follows:

### GCSE

This was our best ever set of GCSE results by a significant margin. Very well done to last year's Y11 students who worked hard for their examinations. The average points score per candidate (based on A\*=58, A=52, B=46, etc.) was 569 which equates to an average of almost eleven A grades per student. This was the highest score of all the county schools, including the other six grammar schools. 63% of grades were A and A\*. The average number of GCSEs passed per student was 11.3. 100% of our students gained at least 5 passes at grade C and above.

Most boys in Y10 took GCSEs in English Literature and R.S., with some taking maths too. They achieved impressive results, 64% at grades A/A\* (compared with 41% in 2008), which bodes well for their GCSE examinations next summer.

Congratulations to the six boys who took Geology GCSE at the end of Year 9, having completed the course in just one year, studying three lunchtimes each week. All passed, three at A\*.

### AS

In the AS examinations, taken at the end of Year 12, the pass rate was 98.3%. 59% of entries were at grades A and B, grade A was the commonest grade. Good foundations have been laid for the students' A-level examinations next year.

### A-level

The A-level pass rate was 99.7%, the average number of A-levels gained per candidate was 4. Of all entries 71% passed at grades A and B, 90% at grades A to C. The average UCAS points score (based on A= 120, B=100, C=80, etc.) was 403.6. These fine results ensured that most students were able to progress to their first choice of university.



### On-line Safety Talks for Parents

Sargeant John Skilling of Gloucestershire Police will be giving two identical talks to parents this month on the potential dangers faced by young people using the internet. The first talk will be for parents of pupils in Years 7-9 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September and the second will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for the parents of pupils in Years 10-13. Both talks will take place in the School Hall and will start at 7.30. p.m.

Chris Carter

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## SENIOR PREFECTS



Congratulations to the following members of Year 13 who have been appointed to senior leadership roles:



**School Captains:**  
Sian Rodway and Harry Young

**Observers:**  
Abigail Ackerman, Lucy Coupland, Scott Davies, Robin Ford, Megan Francis, Tom Grogan, Iain Murphy, Jennifer Stanley, John Trevaskis.



## SPEECH DAY

Our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall. We are looking forward to welcoming back Hilary Osborne as our Guest of Honour.

This is a first for Sir Thomas Rich's: we have welcomed many Old Boys as Guests of Honour but Hilary is our first 'Old Girl'. Hilary progressed from Rich's to Somerville College, Oxford to read English and then went into journalism. She set up the The Guardian's environment site but has become an expert on personal finance journalism, she has worked on several leading finance magazines and is editor of the award winning Guardian Money website.

If parents would like to attend, please ask your son/daughter to collect tickets (no charge) from Reception.

## ATTENTION ALL DRIVERS

We would ask that parents always place the safety of our students and the respect of our local residents first when dropping off and collecting pupils from school. The front of the school gets congested when parking both sides of the road but *more importantly*, is dangerous when pupils are left to weave in and out of parked vehicles and moving traffic. We have long enjoyed good relations with our community and would wish to maintain this.



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## HOUSE COMPETITION

The annual inter-House competition came to an exciting end in July with Westgate managing to retain the Cock House trophy from Southgate, Eastgate and Northgate. There were 21 House events through the year. The new competition starts with the House Art event later this term



## VOUCHERS

Many thanks to parents who sent in Nestlé Free Books for Schools vouchers, which ran from September to March. We were able to claim £47 which was

## CHARITIES

The charities adopted this year by the school are:-

**Autumn Term:** Gloucestershire Community Foundation, which provides grants towards projects assisting those disadvantaged in the local community.

**Spring Term:** Gloucestershire Nightstop, a charity offering emergency accommodation for homeless young people.

**Summer Term:** PMM Girls' School – our link school in Jinja, Uganda.

*Each Thursday morning, students are able to donate any loose change to a collection taken during form period. There is also a Free Dress Day each half-term for which pupils are charged a £1 fee, all monies go to charity.*



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## Year 10 Paintballing and Quad biking

Over seventy boys in Year 10 rounded off their year with a trip to Oakerwood Leisure for a mixture of activities including Paintballing, Quad biking and High ropes.

Unfortunately there is no photographic evidence of Tarzan Parkers more daring exploits on the high ropes. However a good if somewhat muddy day was had by all.



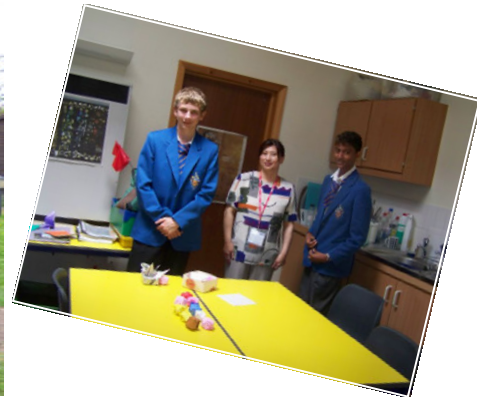
## WINE TASTING EVENING

FRIDAY 2ND  
OCTOBER 2009  
7:30 pm

ALL WELCOME

Please contact  
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## Visit to the Milestone, 14th July 2009

A visit to the Milestone School is always a rewarding experience and Sir Thomas Rich's has long enjoyed a good relationship with the school. Sixth Form students regularly visit, supporting the pupils in their learning and providing all important social contact.

International Days at the Milestone take place on a regular basis and it is a privilege for us to work with the school in organising this event. In July boys from Years 9 and 10 assisted with a Japanese morning. Masayo Long assisted by Chitose Trapp, added an authentic note in her beautiful kimono and led workshops on kimono wearing and origami. Informally they roused the pupils into singing Japanese nursery rhymes in Japanese! Pupils also learned about Kendo, Japanese fencing and how to make sushi. In the Japanese garden pupils relaxed while partaking of green tea and rice cakes. Starbucks, however, has not failed to make an inroad into Japanese culture so even here their presence was not incongruous and pupils and staff tucked into coffee, hot chocolate and cookies waited on by polite STRS waiters.

Our contribution to the day was welcomed by Janine Smith, Head of Key Stage 4 and the boys were praised for their good behaviour, intelligent questions and their efforts in engaging with the Milestone pupils.

J. Hewett



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## Year 9 trip to Ribadesella, Spain July 2009



The atmosphere outside the coach was energetic with plenty of enthusiasm of our week ahead in Ribadesella. When we arrived at Hotel Marina, we chose our room numbers, hoping we had acquired the best rooms. Many became even more excited to find sea views and balconies. That evening we were given our diaries, which needed to be completed in Spanish every evening. On Monday, we familiarised ourselves with our surroundings, explored the town and played volleyball on the beach. On Tuesday we had a trip to the 'Picos de Europa', the highest peaks in Europe. We walked through the mountains, venturing in some outstanding scenery and watching the large variety of wildlife. One of the highlights was quite an amusing goat. It walked onto the path, and led across it sideways, as if to say; 'no trespassing, this is my mountain!' This meant stepping over it. Fortunately it was extremely docile. Afterwards we had lunch in the tranquil town of Arenas.

On Wednesday we visited the Tito Bustillo caves, which consist of ancient cave drawings and magnificent chambers enriched with interesting geographical architecture. We spent the afternoon on the beach, and had a sand sculpture competition. There were original ideas including a tortoise, castle settlement and sculpture of the Pope, which attained first place, however all believe Mrs Spilsbury's flower should have won! After we swam in the sea under supervision, and all enjoyed body surfing in the waves.



On Thursday there was a trip to Oviedo, the capital of Asturias. Following Mr Hearn's town trail was interesting and worthwhile, giving us an insight into the city's history. For Lunch we had been told to try and vary our choice of cuisine; however McDonalds became our new school canteen, although some did try local delicacies! On Friday we went to Arriondas, where we collected two man canoes to row down the river. The scenery was fantastic, and we had much fun speeding down rapids. We had a riverside picnic halfway down. On Saturday we said goodbye to newly made Spanish friends and went to the Gijon Aquarium, before making our way home.

Generally, the trip was excellent; the ratio between free time and organised activity was well balanced, the hotel was comfortable and the food was good, with the exception of the bread rolls, which were more like rocks than buns! Unfortunately, the English weather was here to greet us on our return!

Adios España!

**Will Richardson Yr 9**

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## Australia Rugby Tour 2009

After jetting off from Heathrow on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July we landed in Brisbane on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> having changed planes in Abu Dhabi and refuelled in Singapore; it's a long flight but well worth it!

As in 2007 we spent the first 4 nights of the Tour at the magnificent Sports Super Centre on the Gold Coast where the squad of 40 players trained very hard. There was also time to relax and enjoy the superb facilities under the wall-to-wall Aussie blue skies and sunshine, including an out-door 50M pool and beach volley-ball court!

Within 24 hrs of arriving on the Gold Coast we were playing our first fixture against The Southport School, one of Queensland's most prestigious Independent Schools, who regularly have over 2000 people watching their 1<sup>st</sup> XV! The Seconds put up a solid performance but were well beaten by a powerful side 37-0. The Firsts though came back from behind to win a pulsating match 17-12; it was a great performance which boosted the confidence of the whole squad and set the tone for the rest of the tour.

Our stay on the Gold Coast also included visits to Surfers Paradise, a beautiful surfing beach, and Dreamworld, a Theme and Water Park.

A 2 hour internal flight took us south to Melbourne in the State of Victoria, a wonderful place of 3.5 million people set on the Yarra river.

The boys were billeted out with the families of pupils from Melbourne Grammar School, an experience they thoroughly enjoyed. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> we played our second pair of fixtures against the Victoria State U18 and U16 XVs, two very strong sides; the U18 side included five Australian Schools U18 Internationals – we were expecting a couple of tough challenges! The Seconds played first and were well beaten 67-5. The Firsts though were far more competitive in all areas, particularly in the first half and, in fact, were leading 13-12 until just before half time. However, the far greater power of the Victorian XV told in the second half and they ran out comfortable winners 45-13.

The following day the Firsts produced an impressive performance to beat Melbourne Grammar School, a large all boys Independent School 27-7, and the seconds were narrowly defeated 26-25 in the dying seconds of a thrilling match against the 1<sup>st</sup> XV of Haileybury Grammar School.

Apart from playing two memorable games of rugby, a lot of friendships were forged during our 4 night stay in the State of Victoria, one of the many benefits of such a tour. We have made some very good contacts in this lovely part of the world and at the start of December of this year will be hosting the Victoria State U16 Tour Party for 3 nights; potential host families should start stocking up on protein supplies now – they are a big bunch of lads!

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> we had an 11 hour coach journey north to the capital, Canberra. On the way our knowledge of Australian birds was enriched by our resident expert on the subject, Mr Swann, and we stopped off at the Don Bradman Oval and Museum in his home town of Bowral.

The following day we played our last pair of fixtures against St Edmund's College, Canberra, one of the top five rugby union-playing schools in Australia. St Eddies' list of rugby-playing alumni is rather impressive and includes the likes of George Gregan, Matt Giteau and Matt Rogers.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV were first to play on an excellent pitch, which had its own stand, and as in the match against the Victoria Schools' XV they dominated territory and possession for much of the first half, putting their illustrious opponents under great pressure with wave after wave of impressive attacks. Unfortunately, we could not convert the pressure into points and as we tired in the second half St Eddies showed their class and won the match 30-3, a score-line which in no way reflected the balance of play or, indeed, the outstanding rugby played by our boys.

In the final match of the Tour, the Seconds put in a magnificent effort against a very strong St Eddies 2<sup>nd</sup> XV but went down 15-7 in an end-to-end battle which could have gone either way.

Having completed our 8 matches the last 3 days of the Tour were spent at leisure in Sydney. A lot was packed in, including visits to the Telstra Stadium where 'Johnny' dropped 'that goal' and the Sydney Tower, jet-boating in the Harbour, a ferry ride to Manley, Harbour Bridge climb an end-of-tour dinner on a floating restaurant [ the Steyne] in Darling Harbour and, of course, even more bird-watching with Mr Swann!

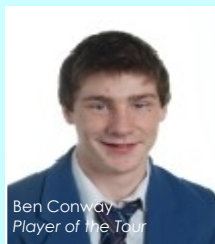
Although the overall results look disappointing, they don't reflect most of the performances produced by both sides, particularly the Seconds, and the Tour was a great success both on and off the field. It is important now for the squad to build on this superb pre-season experience in the forthcoming domestic fixtures and for Mr. Williams and myself to start planning our next 'excursion'!

Very well done to the whole squad – you were, as always, great ambassadors for the School!

Chris Carter



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Ben Conway  
*Player of the Tour*



Tom Pigott  
*Players' Player of the Tour*



Tom Davies  
*Most Improved Player*



Chris Turley  
*Players Player & Player of the Tour*



Will Lee  
*Most Improved Player*

## Tour Facts

Match 1 - Tues 14 July  
v The Southport School, Gold Coast

1<sup>st</sup> XV won 17-12  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV lost 37-0

Match 2 - Sun 19 July  
v Victoria Schools XV

1<sup>st</sup> XV v VS U18s lost 45 - 13  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV v VS U16s lost 67 - 5

Match 3 - Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July

1<sup>st</sup> XV v Melbourne GS 1<sup>st</sup> won 27 - 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Haileybury GS 1<sup>st</sup> lost 26 - 25

Match 4 - Wed 22 July  
V St Edmund's College, Canberra

1<sup>st</sup> XV lost 30 - 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV lost 15 - 7

## Overall Record

1<sup>st</sup> XV Played 4 Won 2 Lost 2 For 60 Against 94  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV Played 4 Lost 4 For 37 Against 145

## Awards

### First XV

Player of the Tour - Ben Conway  
Players' Player of the Tour - Tom Pigott  
Most Improved Player - Tom Davies

### Second XV

Player of the Tour - Chris Turley  
Players' Player of the Tour - Chris Turley  
Most Improved Player - Will Lee

### The 'Tommy Rich' Award For Inspirational Play

Lewis Chard

### Fund-Raising Awards

Joe Crossman  
Tom Grogan

### Cameraman/ Supporter Awards

Ed Grimer  
Ollie Johnson



Lewis Chard  
*Inspirational Play*



Joe Crossman  
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*Cameraman/  
Supporter Award*



Ollie Johnson  
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## NEW UNIFORM

If your son/daughter needs a new blazer please let us know by 18<sup>th</sup> September!!!

We have now supplied those blazers ordered last term and will be placing our next order at the end of September. If your son/daughter needs a new blazer please contact me by 18<sup>th</sup> September to arrange a time to be measured. If we do not have the size required in our remaining stock we will add you to the order, which will take approximately six weeks to come in.

Please also contact me if you require any other new items of school uniform. The current prices are on the Parents' Association pages of the STRS website.

Payment on collection is by cash or cheque made payable to STRS PA.

Thank you for your support  
Denise Sheldon

## CALENDAR OF PA & AGM MEETINGS

**Tuesday 6th Oct 09** - Staff room, 7pm  
**Tuesday 10th Nov 09** - Staff room, 7pm  
**Tuesday 12th Jan 2010** - Staff room, 7pm  
**Tuesday 16th March 2010** - Staff room, 7pm  
**Tuesday 18th May 2010** - Staff room, 7pm

All Welcome!

Please contact  
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## *Masked Ball*

Sir Thomas Rich's Parents' Association regrets that this year's Masked Ball, which was to be held on 18 October, is now to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers to make it viable. We would like to thank those of you who did request tickets in supporting this event and are sorry for any inconvenience this cancellation may have caused.

We aim to hold the next Autumn Ball in October 2010. We do hope you will be able to attend. If your son/daughter is in the 6th Form, perhaps you could have a reunion table at the Ball...

No cheques have been cashed and will all be returned.

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## SIR THOMAS RICH'S SPORTS CENTRE

WHATEVER YOUR ACTIVITY - FOR ONE OF THE  
BEST SPORTING FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY  
CONTACT TONY OR KAREN ON **01452 338439**

### OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

COURSE	AGE	DATE	TIME	COST/CONTACT
DANCE 4 FUN coaching session)	5-11yrs	Thurs 22 & Fri 23 October	10-3pm	£14 per day 01452 338439
ARSENAL SOCCER COACHING	5-12yrs	Mon 26 - Weds 28 October	9-4pm	01242 529222 07966 402228
CRICKET COACHING CLINIC	6-13yrs	Thurs 29 & Fri 30 October	10-3pm	£14 per day 01452 338439

**PRE-BOOKING OF ALL COURSES IS ESSENTIAL,  
THROUGH THE RELEVANT CONTACT NUMBERS LISTED ABOVE**

### Improving Home-School Communication

In an effort to improve communication between School and Home we shall be trialling a new internet and mobile phone-based system later this term. In order to conduct a worth-while trial, we need to have as many parent email addresses and mobile phone numbers as possible. Could you please provide us with your details as soon as possible? Letters with reply slips have been sent out to all Year groups. Many thanks in anticipation for your support with this matter.

Chris Carter

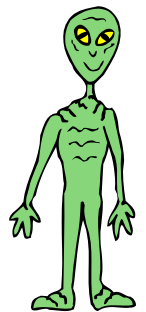
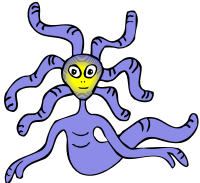
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## Mission to Mars 2

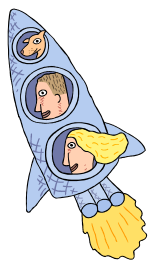
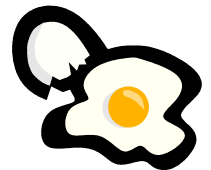
Science Summer School 2009



On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August, just before the start of term, 36 students took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> STPS Mission to Mars (aka Science Summer School). Ms Prinsep, Ms Adamson, Mr M Morgan and Mr Cole, helped by Alex Ford, Ryan Moore, Joe Alderman, Emily Rawlins and Josh Reid, supervised a variety of fun and exciting science activities. Mrs Chapman and Mr Boon, our wonderful lab technicians, supported the event by organising all the necessary resources for the activities.



On the first day the students undertook three challenges. They had to design aliens from green slime and show how they were adapted for life on Mars, with the winner receiving a prize. They made rockets – always a popular activity – and the best three were awarded prizes. The third challenge was to build a lander that would safely deposit a fresh egg on the ground, having been dropped from a great height. A prize was awarded to the team that successfully completed the challenge for the minimum cost.



On the second day the students undertook two longer challenges. They had to build a paper structure that would support a weight suspended from the top. The winning team built the tallest structure that could support the greatest weight. Their second challenge required them to build a motorised buggy from Lego that could negotiate sand, gravel and pebbles. Again, there were prizes for the winners. This was another fantastic day and it was great to see so much enthusiasm and teamwork.



Once again, Summer School was a huge success – the students told us how much they had enjoyed it! No one went home empty handed as all of the participants received a T-shirt and an egg from which to grow their own alien!

Where will you be next year when we're having fun?

**K Prinsep**

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## Green Initiative Week

Following their trip to the International Climate Change Awards last July, the boys, now in 8T are putting together final details and arrangements for their Green Initiative Week starting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Macauley James is responsible for 'Dazzle' and car sharing on the Monday. Bring your bikes in for free post coding and some give away lights and locks.



William Nunn is organising Tuesday's events explaining and encouraging recycling with our new home grown recycling bins.

On Wednesday Tyler Wells will be explaining and encouraging everyone to get composting and will have some details about the composting at the school pond which the team of science technicians have been working at over the summer.

Jack Abbey will be showing how switching off lights and not leaving equipment on standby can save significant money and reduce carbon output.

Finally on Friday we will round up the week with information about how we can become an Eco School and encourage more students to come on board with this initiative.

If any students are interested in getting involved now, come along to G8 1.30pm on Friday lunchtimes to find out more.

Sarah James



## Wildlife Pond



During the summer break the Technicians began to do some clearing in and around the pond. We spent several hours dragging debris out of it and have used the pallets taken out to make a compost container for the plant material that we removed. There are lots of brambles to cut back to enable us to get all round the pond so that we can clear the edges and provide safe dipping stages. We have cleared and repaired one of the bridges which will enable us to get equipment closer to the areas to be cleared.

Already we have seen several types of dragonfly and other insects visiting the cleared areas of the pond. There is a variety of shrubs and plants which we are hoping to clear and prune so that we will encourage more interesting species to this area. The pond has a wide range of aquatic life in it and it will definitely be a good dipping pond by next Spring so that we do not have to go elsewhere to carry out this part of the curriculum.

There is a possibility that we can use the compost heap to provide evidence of our Green School capability and also some scientific data for evaluation.

We are very grateful to the PA for funding the improved fencing and we are hopeful that their keen interest will also provide us with extra help in what is obviously a very laborious job but a very worthwhile one.

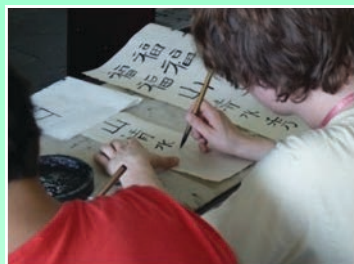
We are also hoping for some practical help in improving the layout of the area, as well as bringing in new features, from the Environment Agency.

Any volunteers (willing or otherwise) will be very welcome to help on any of our weekend clearing sessions. Watch out for further information on these but October 18<sup>th</sup> is a possible date for your diary. Please let the technicians or the Biology Department know if you can help.

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## Year 12 Trip to China July 2009

After a 5am start from School, flights from Heathrow to Helsinki and then on to China, 20 members of Year 12 and 3 members of staff arrived in Shanghai at 7am local time. Having negotiated the masked officials with thermal cameras watching for swine flu sufferers, we were met by Xavier from the Suzhou Foreign Language School which was to be our home for the next week.



During our stay, we experienced a mixture of lessons in calligraphy, martial arts, Tai Chi and Mandarin, just enough to enable us to say hello and goodbye and to barter shopkeepers down to get the best deal on souvenirs. Visits in and around Suzhou gave us a small glimpse of the culture and traditions of China ancient and modern, such as the water village of Tongli, a world heritage site with its many canals and bridges,



the Suzhou museum – designed by the architect I M Pei – and just a few of the city's famous gardens. A day in Shanghai was also one of the highlights, despite the torrential rain. We spent time in the Yu gardens, where a number of traditional buildings have been preserved and also saw the amazing development of Shanghai in the City Planning Museum. Finally, a wander along the celebrated Nanjing Road, famed for its department stores and designer shops was spoilt only by the heavens opening.



As it turned out, the downpour in Shanghai was an early warning of the disappointment to follow – the best total eclipse of the century was completely hidden by low cloud and persistent rain. The true Tommies spirit was in evidence though, as the boys 'enjoyed' the rain, building a (very wet) human pyramid and staying out to experience the darkness fall as the eclipse reached totality at about 9:45am.

This was our last day in Suzhou and that night we packed up our bags and caught the sleeper train to Beijing, to spend a few days visiting some of the most famous places that China has to offer.

In a 3 day whirlwind tour of Beijing, we managed to see the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven and the old Hutong area as well as China's newest tourist attractions, the Water Cube and the Bird's Nest Stadium. In the evenings, we saw an acrobat show and experienced a proper Peking Duck dinner to celebrate the end of our visit. Finally, I want to thank all of the students and Mr Morgan and Miss Prinsep for making the whole trip so enjoyable and such a great success, as well as Mrs Hewett for doing all of the organisation and planning before we left.



Miss Adamson

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## Autumn Language Courses at Sir Thomas Rich's

**Venue: The Language Centre, Sir Thomas Rich's,  
Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester.**

**Language courses available in  
French, German, Chinese and Italian**

**Small classes ensuring optimum progress.**

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## CALENDAR

### **AUTMUN TERM 2009**

Friday 18 September  
Tuesday 6 & Weds 7 October  
Wednesday 7 October  
Thursday 15 October  
Monday 19 – Weds 21 October  
**Thursday 22 – Friday 30 October**  
Monday 2 – Friday 6 November  
Saturday 7 November  
Monday 23 Nov – Thurs 3 December  
Friday 4 December  
Monday 7 December  
Weds 9, Thurs 10, Fri 11 December  
Monday 14 December  
\*Tuesday 15 December  
Wednesday 16 December  
**Friday 18 December**  
21 December—3 January

Speech Day & Prize Giving, 7.30 p.m.  
Open Days  
Open Evening, 6.00 and 7.30 p.m.  
Informal Year 7 Parents' Evening, 7.00 p.m.  
Year 8 Arts Experience  
**Half-term Holidays**  
12 examinations  
Admission tests (Year 6)  
Trial GCSE exams (Y11)  
INSET Day (**no school for pupils**)  
Christmas by Candlelight, 7.30 p.m.  
Teachers', school drama, Hall, 7.30 p.m.  
Year 13 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
Carol Service (St. Catharine's), 7.30 p.m.\*  
Carol Service (St. John's Northgate), 7.30 p.m.  
**End of term, 12.45 p.m.**  
Christmas Holidays

### **SPRING TERM 2010**

**Monday 4 January**  
Tuesday 19 January  
Thursday 21 January  
Monday 1 – Friday 5 February  
Tuesday 2 February  
Wednesday 10 February  
**Monday 15 – Friday 19 February**  
Monday 22 – Friday 26 February  
Monday 1 March  
Monday 8 March  
Monday 8 – Friday 12 March  
Monday 15 – Friday 19 March  
Tuesday 30 March  
**Thursday 1 April**  
2 April—18 April

**Term starts, 8.40 a.m.**  
Year 9 'options' evening, 7.00 p.m.  
Sixth Form Open Evening, 7.15 p.m.  
Year 11 Work Experience  
Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
**Half-term holidays**  
Year 10 examinations  
INSET Day (**no school for pupils**)  
Year 7 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
Founder's Week  
Trial AS examinations (Year 12)  
Year 12 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
**End of term, 12.45 p.m.**  
Easter Holidays

### **SUMMER TERM 2010**

**Monday 19 April**  
Monday 19 – Friday 23 March  
Monday 3 May  
**Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June**  
Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July  
Friday 2 July  
Monday 5 – Friday 9 July  
Thursday 8 July  
Tuesday 13 July  
**Friday 23 July**

**Term starts, 8.40 a.m.**  
Trial A2 examinations (Year 13)  
May Day Bank Holiday  
**Half-term holidays**  
School examinations (Years 7-9)  
INSET Day (**no school for pupils**)  
Sixth Form induction week  
Sports Evening, 6.30 p.m.  
Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.  
**End of term, 12.45 p.m.**

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